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Honorable Lester L. Wolff, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the Director of Central Intelligence and myself, I want to thank you again for the opportunity to appear before your Committee on 20 March. Enclosed are responses to a number of questions and other matters that were raised during the hearing after my departure. I regret the delay in responding which was due to the time required for additional research, especially necessary queries to our field stations.

I understand that during the hearing, Members expressed concern that the CIA had little information on the World Finance Corporation (WFC) and had not conducted independent inquiries based on the information provided by the Committee. May I confirm for the Committee our explanation as to why we are limited in matters of this type. This Agency has no statutory police or law enforcement powers and, therefore, cannot undertake activities solely to support criminal prosecutions. What little information we may have concerning U.S. corporations or U.S. persons is a by-product of legitimate foreign intelligence collection. Accordingly, we do support law enforcement agencies to the extent that such collection operations develop information of significance. Concerning the WFC, the extent of our support to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) in its investigation has been in the form of our response to DEA's request to provide any information from our files on several officers of the company. We, of course, will continue to cooperate with DEA to the fullest extent possible in its investigation.

I trust that we have been responsive to the interests of the Committee. Please feel free to contact my Office of Legislative Counsel if we can be of further assistance. May I again assure you that CIA is, to the fullest extent of its authority, cooperating in the efforts of our Government to halt the flow of illicit narcotics into the United States within the limitations of our charter.

Sincerely,

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